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In re Patent Application of  
Emilio Ramon GOITIANDIA  
Serial No.: 09/864,512  
Filed: May 24, 2001  
For: CAT LITTER BOX

Date: May 21, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 3643  
Examiner: Son T. Nguyen

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 114, of the above-identified application.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge the RCE fee of \$375 to Deposit Account No. 15-0700. A second copy of this authorization is attached.

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       If checked, please enter and consider the Amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

If checked, an Amendment and/or Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) and/or IDS are enclosed.

If checked, please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief and Reply Brief previously submitted.

If checked, suspension of action is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (3 maximum).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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AMENDMENT

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2003, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO.					ADDIT.
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## **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

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## **AMENDMENTS**

1.  If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

### **2. Specification:**

There are no amendments to the specification.

### **3. Claims:**

Please amend claims 1 and 4 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.